

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces prior versions:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A [[LAN]] connector connected with a [[LAN]] first cable connector inserted thereinto, the [[LAN]] connector comprising:

a flexible portion formed outside of a modem-cable-connector occupied space within a housing having a size accommodating said [[LAN]] first cable connector being inserted thereinto, the ~~modem-cable-connector~~ second cable connector occupied space being occupied by a modem cable connector when said modem cable connector is inserted into said housing; and

a stopper portion formed within said ~~modem-cable-connector~~ second cable connector occupied space, the stopper portion being displaceable together with said flexible portion,

wherein said flexible portion is not pushed and bent by said modem cable connector when said modem cable connector is inserted into said housing, and said flexible portion is pushed and bent by said [[LAN]] first cable connector, when said [[LAN]] first cable connector is inserted into said housing, so as to cause said stopper portion to be withdrawn out of said ~~modem-cable-connector~~ second cable connector occupied space, and

said stopper portion stops said modem cable connector when said modem cable connector is inserted into said housing.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The [[LAN]] connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible portion is formed as an arm portion of a plate spring member, the arm portion being fixed at a position on a top plate of said housing near an entrance thereof, protruding inside said housing, and extending opposite said entrance, and

said stopper portion is formed as a different portion of said plate spring member at an end of said arm portion not by folding said arm portion.

Claims 3-5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An information processing electronic device comprising:
a body including an information processing unit; and
a [[LAN]] connector so provided in said body that said [[LAN]] connector is connectable with a [[LAN]] first cable connector inserted thereinto, the [[LAN]] connector including:

a flexible portion formed outside of a ~~modem cable connector~~ second cable connector occupied space within a housing having a size accommodating said [[LAN]] first cable connector being inserted thereinto, the ~~modem cable connector~~ second cable connector occupied space being occupied by a modem cable connector when said modem cable connector is inserted into said housing; and

a stopper portion formed within said ~~modem cable connector~~ second cable connector occupied space, the stopper portion being displaceable together with said flexible portion,

wherein said flexible portion is not pushed and bent by said modem cable connector when said modem cable connector is inserted into said housing, and said flexible portion is pushed and bent by said [[LAN]] first cable connector, when said [[LAN]] first cable connector is inserted into said housing, so as to cause said stopper portion to be withdrawn out of said ~~modem cable connector~~ second cable connector occupied space, and

said stopper portion stops said modem cable connector when said modem cable connector is inserted into said housing.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The ~~information processing~~ electronic device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said flexible portion is formed as an arm portion of a plate spring member, the arm portion being fixed at a portion on a top plate of said housing near an entrance thereof, protruding inside said housing, and extending opposite said entrance, and said stopper portion is formed as a different portion of said plate spring member at an end of said arm portion not by folding said arm portion.

Claims 8-10 (Canceled)

ELECTION

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 remain and are currently amended with the present submission.

Claims 3-5 and 8-10 are now canceled.

In response to the May 18, 2004 Requirement for an Election of Species, applicants hereby elect Species I. (Although the PTO communication indicates that Figs. 1A-6B correspond to Species I, the grouping of Figs. 2-6B must have been intended, because Figs. 1A-1C depict prior art.)

Early and favorable examination is now requested.

If this paper is not timely filed, applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension, or any other fees which may be due, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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